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MINUTES Board Meeting July 23, 2021

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, July 23, 2021. The following Board members attended: Dr. Jeffrey Dull (Board Chair), Dr. Maurice Wainwright (Vice Chair), Dr. Johnnie Alston (member) and Dr. Paul Ciavarelli (member). Board members absent were: Dr. Robson Araujo (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Angela Hampton (member), and Dr. Michael Hames (member). The meeting was held at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama and others attending onsite were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Michael Nunnelley (Board Legal Counsel) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dull at 2:05 p.m.

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted and published on the Secretary of State website at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and posted on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov.

Dr. Dull, Board Chairman, presented the proposed agenda for the July 23, 2021 meeting. Dr. Ciavarelli made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wainwright and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Dull presented the April 23, 2021 Board meeting minutes for the Board's approval. A copy of the minutes was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Alton made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wainwright and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report, which included financial information for the period ending June 30, 2021. He also reported on the current number of licensees and status of complaints received in fiscal year 2021. Dr. Ciavarelli made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report, which listed activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting held in April (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes) and he commented on the upcoming renewal period for licenses expiring October 1, 2021.

Dr. Dull reported on the Podiatry Legislative Bill proposed during the 2021 Legislative session and reported that it had not completed the approval process. Mr. Warren indicated that the final status of the proposed Bill did not have a vote, in the Senate Committee, before the 2021 Session ended. The Bill had passed the House Committee.

Mr. Michael Nunnelley, new Board Legal Counsel, was introduced to the members and he presented the Legal Counsel Report, indicating that he had some investigative reports on complaints and would be following up with the Executive Director on disposition.

The Board discussed the advertising disclaimer required in the Board's Rules and agreed to review the statute at future meeting about continuing this advertising practice.

The Board recommended several licensee candidates to recommend to Governor Ivey for the Board position currently held by Dr Hampton. Dr. Hampton's term expired in May, 2021, and Mr. Warren explained that members could continue to serve on the Board until replaced. Mr. Warren indicated that he would contact the candidate(s) about interest in serving on the Board and request that they submit a letter of interest, along with a copy of their resume, for consideration by the Governor.

The Board discussed a previous inquiry from the Alabama Health Department seeking medical professionals to assist in administering the COVID vaccine. Mr. Warren explained that the urgency to establish resources to assist in providing the vaccine had passed.

Dr. Dull announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled on October 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Warren reported that the meeting would be held onsite, following the lifting of the COVID 19 State of Emergency, and would require a quorum of the members to meet in-person. He indicated that he would keep the Board advised of any changes.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Wainwright made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Dull adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Jeffrey Dull *Board* Chair

Keith E. Warren *Executive Director*

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